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new commission today. Somebody wanted that commission. And most of them have a function and they do a job that needs to be done. So in defense of the commissions themselves, I did want to say that. My last comment will be that I would think that if and when this bill passes and is signed, flags will go up, bells will go off because we got rid of some commissions, right? Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 1135.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I will be brief. I think that everybody understands what the bill is and approves of the process. As I indicated to you earlier, if you have suggestions on how this process could be bettered, that would always be appreciated, and the committee will take all of your concerns and suggestions to heart. One of the things that Senator Brown said I would like to follow up on, because she's right, we're not going to save a lot of money with this particular bill this year. It is a beginning and most of these have little or no budgets. They may have some expenses, but it is a beginning, and I do...I did want to make it clear that...that we're not saving great amounts of money here. The savings come as we continue to address this, I believe, and as we continue to put sunset clauses on boards and commissions in committee. The other thing I...I am supportive of Senator Brown's effort to amend her bill into this. Early on in this discussion we discovered that there are a number of boards and commissions out there that have been established "nonstatutorily", in other words by the agencies, and in fact I had discussions with the Health Department early on and they said they were going to take a look within their own agencies at some of these boards and commissions. So I think we've sparked some good thoughts and some good activity and some good discussion, and I hope that other agencies will do exactly the same thing that the Health Department has undertaken. With that, I would simply urge you to advance this bill to Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The question is the advancement of LB 1135 to E & R Initial. Those in favor